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COUNTRY PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES

Note by the Administrator

Programme period	Illustrative IPF for 1982-1986
1982-1986	$7 million

I. Nature of the programming exercise

1. The formulation of the third country programme (1982-1986) was undertaken by the Ministry of External Affairs in close collaboration with UNDP field office in Malé, in conjunction with the preparation of the first national five-year plan. UNDP has been supporting the National Planning Agency through the provision of an economic adviser, whose services have been extended through March 1981 specifically to assist in preparing the national plan.

2. In August 1980 UNDP invited the specialized agencies to participate in the country programming exercise. Sectoral assessments were received from the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the

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World Bank. The United Nations agencies represented in the Maldives - the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - participated in the programming through the active involvement of their representatives. Their inputs, as far as they can be forecast for the 1982-1986 programme period, have been identified in the country programme document. The Government hopes that this close collaboration among the organizations of the United Nations system in the Maldives will be gradually translated in future programming exercises into joint programming of their development resources.

II. Relation of the country programme to national development objectives

3. The third country programme was prepared simultaneously with and is to cover the same period as the first national five-year plan, from which the country programme derives its policy and priority framework. The country programme, as far as possible within the resources available from UNDP, aims at supporting the principal objectives of the five-year plan. Greatest emphasis will therefore be given to: (a) development of the country's natural resources (agriculture, marine fisheries and tourism); (b) expansion of the transport and communications infrastructure; and (c) manpower development (education and vocational training).

4. The new Government has pursued over the past two years economic and social policies aimed at decentralizing decision making and has embarked on a major development programme in order to improve the welfare of the population, with special emphasis on the previously neglected outer atolls. Hence, manpowerr development for outer atoll communities through education and vocational training is being given high priority.

5. At present, the country's economy is almost entirely based on fishing, tourism and shipping and it is to these sectors that the country must look for appreciable economic growth. Nonetheless, the Government believes that, in the long run, the Maldives cannot rely solely on expansion of these activities to provide the development impetus. Consequently, attention is also being focused on the development of agriculture, the establishment of indigenous industries and internal as well as international air and sea transport.

III. Content and phasing of the country programme

6. The sectoral breakdown of resources and the phasing of the country programme are shown in the following tables:

Table 1

Sectoral breakdown of programmed resources

Sector	On-going projects		New projects		Reserve		Total	
	Value ($000)	Per cent	Value ($000)	Per cent	Value ($000)	Per cent	Value ($000)	Per cent
Transport and communications			1 280	45.7			1 280	22.9
Agriculture and Fisheries	655	25.2	613	21.9			1 268	22.8
Education	1 085	41.7	80	2.9			1 165	20.9
Development planning	600	23.0					600	10.7
Tourism			470	16.8			470	8.4
Human settlements			355	12.7			355	6.4
Health	262	10.1					262	4.7
Reserve					177	100.0	177	3.2
Total programmed	2 602	100.0	2 798	100.0	177	100.0	5 577	100.00

Table 2

Phasing of the country programme

A. Amounts programmed

Year	($000)
1982	1 003
1983	1 059
1984	1 115
1985	1 171
1986	1 052
Reserve	177
Total	5 577

B. Resources taken into account for programming

Resources available:	($000)
(a) Third cycle IPF resources	4 850 000 1/
(b) All other resources managed by UNDP	Nil
(c) Provision for adequate programming	727 500
Total resources taken into account for programming	5 577 500

7. Inevitably, a part of the present country programme is committed to activities started in the second programming cycle. Thus, the Government wishes UNDP to continue to assist in several important fields, including agriculture, fisheries, education, health, communications and development planning. The continuation of assistance in these fields may be seen as a logical extension or consolidation of progress already made. In other cases it may be viewed as a second stage in the development of a particular activity or as diversification into a related field. However, the Government has decided that the third country programme should also be oriented towards several new priority areas including transport, human settlements and tourism.

8. While the country programme is primarily directed towards national goals, certain of these coincide with the global priorities of the United Nations, and are highlighted in the country programme as follows:

(a) Basic needs programme: (i) rural development; (ii) urban poverty; (iii) primary health care, water supply and sanitation; and (iv) literacy and comprehensive education; and

(b) Development themes: (i) environment; (ii) women in development; (iii)New International Economic Order; and (iv) Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC).

IV. Recommendation of the Administrator

9. In light of the views expressed above, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council:

a) Approve the proposed UNDP country programme for the Maldives for the duration of its programme period within the limits of its Indicative Planning Figure for 19°2-1986, taking into account the balance of over-expenditure or under-expenditure of its 1977 -1981 Indicative Planning Figure;

b) Authorize the Administrator to proceed with appraisal and approval action on requests for assistance falling within the outlines of the country programme

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1/ This figure represents the 80 per cent of the illustrative IPF for 1982-1986 ($7.0 million) after adjustment for borrowing from the third cycle IPF ($750,000).

while ensuring, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Council at its eighteenth session (E/5543/Rev.1, paragraph 31), that expenditures are kept in reasonable conformity with the relevant Indicative Planning Figures and are contained within the financial resources available at any given time.

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